

JUDICIARY FINANCE AND CIVIL LAW COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Liebling, Chair of the Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M. on April 16, 2026 in Room G3 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

LIEBLING, Tina, Chair
SCOTT, Peggy, Chair
FINKE, Leigh, Vice-Chair
DURAN, Bidal, Vice-Chair
BLISS, Matt
CURRAN, Brion
FEIST, Sandra
FRAZIER, Cedrick
MAHAMOUD, Anquam
MOLLER, Kelly
NOVOTNY, Paul
RARICK, Marion
STIER, Terry
VAN BINSBERGEN, Scott

Members excused:

A quorum was present.

Representative Feist moved that the minutes of April 14, 2026 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

At 10:18 A.M. Vice Chair Finke assumed the gavel.

HF3874 (Liebing) Chief justice security provided, base funding beginning in fiscal year 2028 redistributed, judicial branch funding provided, and money appropriated.

Chair Liebling moved that HF3874 be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Chair Liebling presented her bill.

John Walz, House Fiscal Analyst, responded to member questions.

Chair Liebling moved the HF3874A7 Amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Curran moved the HF3874A1 Amendment.

Chair Liebling requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

AYE

LIEBLING, Tina
FINKE, Leigh
CURRAN, Brion
FEIST, Sandra
FRAZIER, Cedrick
MAHAMOUD, Anquam

MOLLER, Kelly

NAY

SCOTT, Peggy
DURAN, Bidal
BLISS, Matt
NOVOTNY, Paul
RARICK, Marion
STIER, Terry
VAN BINSBERGEN, Scott

EXCUSED

ABSTAINED

On a vote of 7 AYES and 7 NAYS **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

Representative Bliss moved the HF3874A2 Amendment.

Jeff Shorba, State Court Administrator, Minnesota Judicial Branch, responded to member questions.

John Walz, House Fiscal Analyst, responded to member questions.

Representative Bliss renewed his motion to adopt the HF3874A2 Amendment.

Representative Moller requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

AYE

SCOTT, Peggy
DURAN, Bidal
BLISS, Matt
NOVOTNY, Paul
RARICK, Marion
STIER, Terry
VAN BINSBERGEN, Scott

NAY

LIEBLING, Tina
FINKE, Leigh
CURRAN, Brion
FEIST, Sandra
FRAZIER, Cedrick
MAHAMOUD, Anquam
MOLLER, Kelly

EXCUSED

ABSTAINED

On a vote of 7 AYES and 7 NAYS **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

Chair Scott moved the H3874A4 Amendment.

Jeff Shorba, State Court Administrator, Minnesota Judicial Branch, responded to member questions.

Chair Scott renewed her motion to adopt the H3874A4 Amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Scott moved the H3874A5 Amendment.

Ben Johnson, House Legislative Analyst, explained the amendment.

Chair Scott renewed her motion to adopt the H3874A5 Amendment.

Representative Curran requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

AYE

SCOTT, Peggy
DURAN, Bidal
BLISS, Matt
NOVOTNY, Paul
RARICK, Marion
STIER, Terry
VAN BINSBERGEN, Scott

NAY

LIEBLING, Tina
FINKE, Leigh
CURRAN, Brion
FEIST, Sandra
FRAZIER, Cedrick
MAHAMOUD, Anquam
MOLLER, Kelly

EXCUSED

ABSTAINED

On a vote of 7 AYES and 7 NAYS **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

Chair Liebling renewed her motion to re-refer HF3874, as amended, to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Chair Scott requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

AYE

LIEBLING, Tina
FINKE, Leigh
CURRAN, Brion
FEIST, Sandra
FRAZIER, Cedrick
MAHAMOUD, Anquam
MOLLER, Kelly

NAY

SCOTT, Peggy
DURAN, Bidal
BLISS, Matt
NOVOTNY, Paul
RARICK, Marion
STIER, Terry
VAN BINSBERGEN, Scott

EXCUSED

ABSTAINED

On a vote of 7 AYES and 7 NAYS **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

At 11:08 A.M. Chair Liebling assumed the gavel.

HF962 (Novotny) Sharing and protection of data accessed by a prosecuting authority provided, and criminal penalties imposed.

Representative Novotny moved that HF962, as amended by the H0962DE4 Amendment (adopted on March 24, 2026) be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Representative Novotny presented his bill as amended.

Testifying:

1. Nancy Haas, Attorney, Poul Haas Government Relations, representing the Minnesota County Attorneys Association.
2. Judge Robert Small, Executive Director, Minnesota County Attorneys Association

Ben Johnson, House Legislative Analyst, responded to member questions.

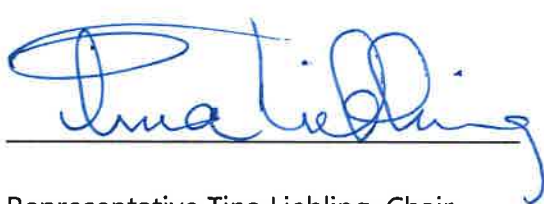
Representative Bliss requested a roll call vote.

John Walz, House Fiscal Analyst, responded to member questions.

After committee discussion Representative Bliss withdrew his request for a roll call vote.

Chair Novotny renewed his motion to re-refer HF962, as amended, to the Committee on Ways and Means. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 A.M.



Representative Tina Liebling, Chair



Representative Peggy Scott, Chair



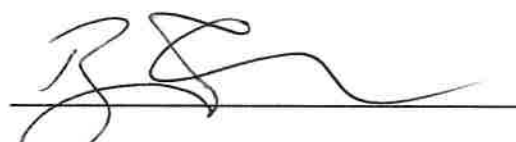
Representative Leigh Finke, Vice Chair



Representative Bidal Duran, Vice Chair



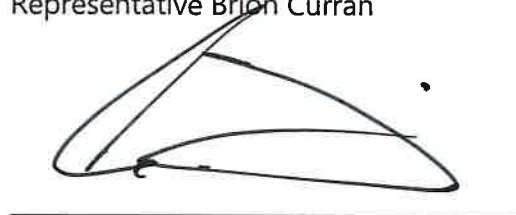
Representative Matt Bliss



Representative Brion Curran



Representative Sandra Feist

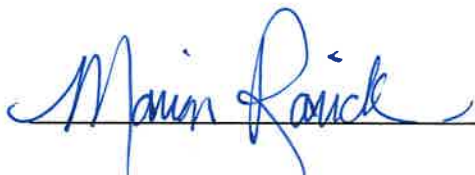


Representative Cedrick Frazier

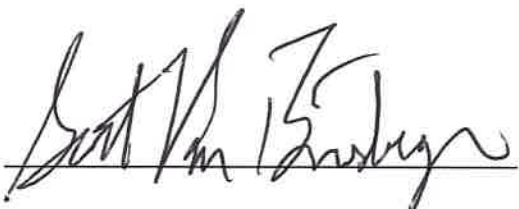

Representative Anquam Mahamoud

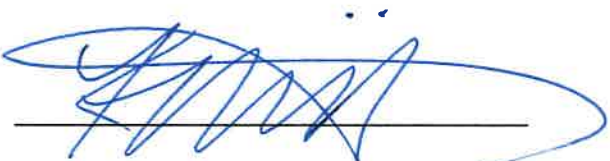

Representative Kelly Moller


Representative Paul Novotny


Representative Marion Rarick


Representative Terry Stier


Representative Scott Van Binsbergen


Krysta Niedernhöfer
Committee Legislative Assistant